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From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa Sent: Sat 8/8/2015 12:51:20 PM

Subject: RE: Update from EPA contractor at mine 6:48 pm 8/7/2015

Can I use this in a few updates I intend to send this am to reporters?

I was going to send the Ph info and sampling info from yesterday in an email – just to start feeding them information? We can incorporate it all into an updated statement as well but want them to know they're being updated as we get the info when possible.

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Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 7:00 PM **To:** Smith, Paula; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa

Subject: FW: Update from EPA contractor at mine 6:48 pm 8/7/2015

From: Hestmark, Martin

Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 6:55 PM

To: McGrath, Shaun; Card, Joan; Thomas, Deb

Subject: FW: Update from EPA contractor at mine 6:48 pm 8/7/2015

FYI

From: Ackerman, Joyce

Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 6:53 PM

To: Cristiano, Gina; Hestmark, Martin; McComb, Martin

Subject: Update from EPA contractor at mine 6:48 pm 8/7/2015

The upper settling pond at the mine was finished at 11:35 a.m. today 8/7/2015. All mine discharge is being treated now with caustic soda and flocculent.

Two to three additional settling ponds, larger than the upper pond, will be constructed at the confluence of the North Fork and Cement Creek. At least two settling ponds should be finished by close of business 8/8/2015. The upper pond will also be expanded in size.

The discharge of mine water out of the mine is now estimated to be 640 gallons per minute.

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